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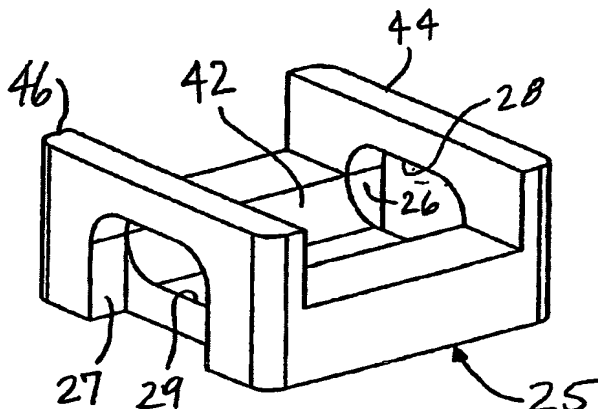
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metal in a die set during compaction at an in-
terface between a side surface of a punch and
another side surface of the die set that faces
the side surface of the punch in substantially
close proximity to create the absence of pow-
der metal at the interface.

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